

Re: Proceeding # 02-306

On behalf of the 140,000 working families represented by the Sacramento Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, I strongly urge your support of SBC Pacific Bell's application to enter the long distance telecommunications market in California.

Combining long distance with their local service provides a level playing field so that SBC Pacific Bell can compete fairly in the consumer market with other companies. This is absolutely necessary if consumers and working families will have a fair chance to take advantage of the new innovations in telecommunications.

SBC Pacific Bell is one of the state's largest private union employers, and we in California are anxiously awaiting their entry into the California long distance market – bringing more opportunities for the more than 140,000 working men and women who are members of the AFL-CIO in the Sacramento region.

Again, I urge your support of SBC Pacific Bell and their efforts.

Sincerely,

Bill Camp, Executive Secretary